

# Allen Dulles To Be New Head of CIA

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THIS CAPITAL WHICH has witnessed so much fierce infighting for power is soon to see a most interesting experiment in shared family responsibility. John Foster Dulles, the new Secretary of State, is now hard at work putting together his team of assistant secretaries and diplomats. Unless there is a last minute change of plan, John Foster's brother, Allen, will become head of the Central Intelligence Agency.



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In the five years of its existence the CIA has made a start toward becoming a powerful agency in the field of foreign policy although its activities are screened by close secrecy. Its primary function is the gathering of military and diplomatic intelligence from every corner of the world and appraising this intelligence for the benefit of top policy makers. Weekly CIA reports on the situation in the world have been going to President-elect Eisenhower since his nomination.

In addition the CIA initiates what is sometimes called "black propaganda." This activity—to throw communism off balance at strategic points by direct action—is even more hush-hush.

The present head of CIA is General Walter Bedell Smith, who is to be Undersecretary of State. Allen Dulles has been his chief assistant. To this assignment Allen, who is Foster's junior by five years, has brought imagination and zeal plus a willingness to adventure that has made some more conservative men in the Government extremely nervous.

When Smith moves over to the State Department, Dulles will become acting head of CIA. The present intention of Eisenhower and his planning staff is to appoint him head of that agency at a later date.

THIS SHOULD MAKE for the closest cooperation between State, where foreign policy is made, and CIA, which supplies the raw material for policy as well as acting in greatest secrecy as an instrumentality of policy. Both the brothers Dulles might be called "activists" in foreign policy. They have been skeptical of the passivity of containing communism.

In one of Candidate Eisenhower's first speeches last September he spoke of the need to stir resistance in the satellite countries as a preparation for throwing off Soviet Russian control. This produced a strong reaction from many who suggested that it would lead to uprisings doomed to failure and therefore suicidal. This note was not again sounded by Eisenhower in the campaign. John Foster Dulles told associates that the bad reaction had come as a result of "hot language" put into the speech by professional speech writers.

Both brothers have had wide experience in the foreign field and their interest derives from the family tradition of a grandfather and an uncle who were both Secretaries of State. Allen was an American foreign service officer serving in various capacities in Europe until his resignation in 1926. At that time he joined the great international law firm of Sullivan and Cromwell, of which John Foster eventually became senior partner.

Allen Dulles spent most of World War II in Switzerland for the Office of Strategic Services. He developed extraordinary channels of information directly into Hitler's chancellery. Intelligence agents all over Europe supplied him with invaluable information which he funneled back to OSS in Washington.

Recently he returned from a 10-day visit to Tokyo. There in an American military hospital he saw his only son, Allen Macy Dulles, a young lieutenant in the First Marine Division in Korea, who is slowly recovering from severe head wounds suffered six weeks ago during a patrol action.

ANOTHER MEMBER of this remarkable family is also a specialist in foreign policy. The younger sister of Allen and John Foster, Eleanor Lansing Dulles, has recently been with the National Production Authority as expert on Germany and Austria. She is now in the State Department with the title of special assistant to the director of the German economic affairs office. As have her brothers, she has taken part in international conferences in various parts of the globe.

The members of the Dulles family in their biographies in *Who's Who* all list Watertown, N. Y., as their birthplace. For 17 years their father was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in that northern New York town.

This tradition of responsibility and public service in one family is somewhat unusual for this country. It is more nearly in the tradition of Britain when in the last century the British carried such a heavy burden of order-keeping in various corners of the globe. To watch the two brothers work together in the area where decisions fateful to the whole western world must be made almost daily will be an experience new for Washington.